



## Green Lea First School Newsletter – July 2020

I hope everyone is keeping well and looking forward to the Summer. This has been a very different end of year for all of us and we are looking forward very much to welcoming everyone back in September. Could I please urge you all to check emails regularly throughout the summer – guidance for schools changes regularly (in fact over 100 times since April) and email is the only way I can currently communicate effectively with parents and carers. I recently sent emails out regarding new classes for September, and there will also be more detailed information throughout the holidays about routines which you can discuss with your child/ren.

The school is open to staff on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September but not open to children until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Nursery will not start back until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### Gifts

Thank you to everyone for the lovely, kind and thoughtful gifts and cards received at the end of term. These are all greatly appreciated by everyone.

### Transport

If you require transport for September, please contact Staffordshire Transport Department directly. Please do not presume your child will be picked up if you have not had confirmation from Staffordshire. The firm who currently operate the mini-bus, with Barry as the driver, will not necessarily be asked to carry out the same contract so it is really important that you go through the council. You can contact them through the Staffordshire County Council website.

### Reception – new starters

The new reception children will attend school on the Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup>) 9-1, Thursday (3<sup>rd</sup>) 9-1 and Friday (4<sup>th</sup>) 9-1 to help with transition, and then start full-time from 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### Reports

I hope you enjoyed reading your child/ren's reports. Thank you for the positive comments received. If you haven't confirmed receipt of your report to Mrs Hodgson please do so at [office@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk)

### Nursery

The new nursery is on schedule to be completed by the end of the holidays – this is a very exciting addition to the school.

### September

The children will be in two "bubbles" a nursery, reception, year 1 and 2 bubble. Then a class 3 bubble. This arrangement allows for the year 1 children to be taught together during the week for several sessions including phonics and science.

Mrs Blaize will come back to school to lead some wellness and mindfulness sessions with class 3 on a Friday. This has been risk assessed and will not involve breathing activities. She will work with no more than 12 children.

Stoke City will teach their active maths session outdoors with no more than 12 children. The leader will be socially distanced from the children. This will also be with class 3 on a Friday.

Madame Elliott will teach French to all three classes on a Tuesday afternoon. She will be socially distanced from the children.

Mr Maguire will continue PE lessons to all three classes on a Tuesday afternoon, outdoors only and no contact sports.

I will teach personal, social and health education across all three classes. This will significantly focus on wellbeing in the first term.

Forest school will take place on a Friday across the school in groups with Miss Swingewood leading sessions and Miss Britton supporting her.

I will send out more detailed information nearer the time regarding staggered start and finishing times as it is always likely to change again. Please don't buy your children large school bags, or pencil cases in anticipation for September as they will not be allowed in school.

If purchasing trainers please buy ones with Velcro fastening rather than laces – unless your child is able to tie laces securely themselves.

If buying a coat, it is preferable that it can be wiped down (i.e. not fur)

School uniform will be worn as normal.

### Middle School

I wish all of our year 4 leavers a successful and happy time at their new schools. It was lovely to be able to give them a send off on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July by way of a socially distanced picnic. The staff are very proud of all of them and they will be very successful in the next stage of their lives. I hope they keep in touch with us. The leaving children have kindly donated a trophy to the school to be presented on their behalf for someone who demonstrates resilience through the year. They have also donated a lovely cushion for the library. Every child has produced part of the cushion, which makes it extra special. Thank you to all the leavers and their parents/carers. We also managed to organise some leavers' photographs which will be available in September.

### Music

The music department are not currently planning any lessons for September. I will let you know if this is to change.

### Wraparound

I sent a note out regarding wraparound care last week. It has been requested on the first week back, so all sessions will be available on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> September including 7:30am on the first day back.

### Finally

Everyone, please keep safe and well during the summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kind regards,

Katy Wilson  
Head teacher